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Jon:

I was digging around the old interweb because I was curious about the cacique that Randall Vicente was talking about last week. Apparently the cacique is the "inside" chief or religious leader at least Sky City, not sure about rest of reservation. Apparently the current "public face" government was established by the Spanish in the 1600s and Acoma didn't think much of it then or now. Apparently the reason that Acomita and McCarty's were formed was because of a split after a big Spanish massacre in the late 1500s, the people that went back to Sky City told the Spanish to pound sand and the folks that wanted to get along with the Spanish formed Acomita and McCarty's. Also found out that Laguna was formed in 1699 after a bunch of refugees from other Pueblos that had been destroyed by the Spanish had sought refuge on Acoma, until they left to form Laguna. I also found out that there was kind of a civil war on Laguna in the late 1800s between the catholics and the presbyterians, strange stuff.

I found an article about the Bibo brothers which is attached and you may want to look at the book, Shadows on Glass: The Indian World of Ben Wittick. I found some excerpts of it on line.

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